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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE CUBAN INTERVENTION IN
RHODESIA

1. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION MARCH 12 OAU A/SEC GEN FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS PETER ONU GAVE HIGHLY CRITICAL APPRAISAL
OF THE SECRETARY'S MARCH 11 STATEMENT TO THE BOSTON WORLD
AFFAIRS COUNCIL CONCERNING USG'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS POSSIBLE
CUBAN INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA. HE INVITED HIS AMERICAN
INTERLOCUTORS TO REMEMBER THAT THERE WERE VAST DIFFERENCES
IN AFRICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD EXTERNAL INTERVENTION IN SUPPORT
OF THE MPLA IN ANGOLA--ON WHICH AFRICA HAD BEEN DIVIDED--
AND AGAINST THE REGIME OF IAN SMITH. ALL AFRICANS WOULD
WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT CUBAN INTERVENTION AGAINST THE
LATTER IF IT MATERIALIZED. THE SECRETARY'S "UNFORTUNATE"
STATEMENT GENERATED BY THE USG'S "OBSESSION" WITH CUBA
COULD ONLY BE WIDELY CONSTRUED IN AFRICA AS AMERICAN
SUPPORT FOR SMITH AND VORSTER. THIS SAID, ONU VOLUNTEERED
THE VIEW THAT CUGANS UNLIKELY RPT UNLIKELY TO INTERVENE IN
RHODESIA SO LONG AS SOUTH AFRICANS STAY OUT. OAU-AFRICA
WOULD RELAY ON "THOUSANDS" OF GUERRILLAS NOW BEING
LAUNCHED ACROSS THE RHODESIAN FRONTIER TO PUT AN END TO
THE SMITH REGIME.

2. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION BY THE AMERICANS PRESENT TO
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PUT USG CONCERNS WITH THE GEO-POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF

SOVIET/CUBAN OVERSEAS INTERVENTIONS INTO PERSPECTIVE, ONU
WAS ASKED HOW THESE CONCERNS SHOULD BE PHRASED TO BE
CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD IN AFRICA FOR WHAT THEY WERE, VIZ.,
SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT FROM US SUPPORT FOR SOUTHERN
AFRICAN RACISM. WHILE ONU AVOIDED ANSWERING THE
QUESTIONS SPECIFICALLY, HE DID SAY THAT ANY AMERICAN
STATEMENT EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO EXTERNAL INTERVENTION
BY BOTH CUBA AND SOUTH AFRICA IN RHODESIA WOULD BE COMPLETELY
ACCEPTABLE TO THE OAU AND, HE THOUGHT, MOST AFRICAN
MEMBER STATES.
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